

5 **Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A paintbrush and can opener combination device comprising:

an elongated handle having a first end and a second end, said second end including an elongated forward edge, a plurality of bristles being attached to and extending away from said forward edge, said handle having a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral edge; and

an elongated plate having an attached end and a free end, said attached end being positioned within said handle and attached thereto such that said plate extends outwardly from said first end of said handle, said plate having a bend therein positioned generally between said free end and said handle said bend being substantially equal to ninety degrees, a line extending between said free end and said bend being orientated substantially perpendicular to a plane of said top surface; and

a loop member being mounted in said handle and extending through said top and bottom surfaces of said handle, said loop member being positioned adjacent to said first end of said handle, said loop member comprising a metallic material, said loop member being integrally coupled to said attached end of said plate.

25 Claim 2 (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The device according to claim 2 1, wherein said plate extends generally between $\frac{1}{4}$ and 2 inches away from said handle.

30 4. (original) The device according to claim 3, wherein said plate has a length from said bend to said free end generally between $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and 1 inch.

5. (currently amended) The device according to claim 2 1, wherein said plate has a length from said bend to said free end generally between $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and 1 inch.

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5 Claims 6-7 (cancelled)

8. (original) A paintbrush and can opener combination device comprising:
an elongated handle having a first end and a second end, said second end
including an elongated forward edge, a plurality of bristles being attached
10 to and extending away from said forward edge, said handle having a top
surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral edge;
an elongated plate having an attached end and a free end, said attached end being
positioned within said handle and attached thereto such that said plate
extends outwardly from said first end of said handle, said plate having a
15 bend therein positioned generally between said free end and said handle,
said bend being substantially equal to ninety degrees, a line extending
between said free end and said bend being orientated substantially
perpendicular to a plane of said top surface, said plate extending generally
20 between $\frac{1}{4}$ and 2 inches away from said handle, said plate having a length
from said bend to said free end generally between $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and 1 inch; and
a loop member being mounted in said handle and extending through said top and
bottom surfaces of said handle, said loop member being positioned
adjacent to said first end of said handle, said loop member comprising a
25 metallic material, said loop member being integrally coupled to said
attached end of said plate.